



Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

Supervisor John F. Weishan, Jr., 16th District

For Immediate Release, June 25, 2020
Contact: Brian Rothgery, 608-219-2064

Supervisor Weishan's Parks Funding Plan Passes County Board

MILWAUKEE – Supervisor John F. Weishan, Jr., is proposing creative solutions to help fund Milwaukee County parks, which have suffered from a lack of investment and budget cuts due to the county's growing structural deficit.

"Our parks are struggling, and we need to come up with solutions now. If we don't try new and novel solutions, we risk losing more parks facilities to neglect, and we risk losing public access to the creep of privatization," said Weishan.

Weishan's [proposal](#) includes three components:

1. A county-wide 50/50 raffle, which half the money that is raised going to the winner, and half going to Milwaukee County parks.
2. A new scratch-off lottery ticket with all the proceeds after administrative costs going to Milwaukee County parks.
3. A special Wisconsin license plate that residents can purchase to show their support for Milwaukee County parks.

Supervisor Weishan's proposal would require action by the state legislature to allow Milwaukee County to raise revenue using these tools.

The County Board passed Weishan's proposal today and will now go to the County Executive to sign.

###